

I am strongly opposed to any change in the FCC rules which will allow larger media conglomerates! There is already too much homogenization of news coverage and with only a few large monopolies controlling the media I fear for our democracy!

An informed public and a free press is the cornerstone of democracy, and the smaller independent media outlets are the only sources of differing points of view on important matters. The mainstream media-Networks, CNN, Fox, etc, all tell basically the same stories. To get a different perspective I have to read international news sources. Our media has stop covering the situations in Iraq and Afghanistan as if everything is already fine and resolved, when the most difficult and dangerous part has just begun! I could care less about the Lacey murder, sorry. Compared to what is happening in our government, what is happening overseas as a result of our foreign policy, that is much more important than a very sad case of murder.

My father worked for a radio station bought out by Gannet years ago, and I saw then the beginnings of consolidation of the media. It is not in the best interest of the public to allow further growth of the media giants. Free press, independent of a conglomerate business's bottom line, may be the only hope for our democracy.

Please do not change any ownership rules that allow further consolidation of media ownership into the hands of a few powerful companies. Good for their investors, perhaps; bad for our society for sure!